

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-36 were originally pending in this application. Claims 2, 3, 14, 15, 26 and 27 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 4-13, 16-25 and 28-36 are currently pending. Claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25 and 32 are independent. By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25 and 32 are amended. Dependent claims 4-7, 9-12, 16-19, 21-24, 28-31 and 33-36 are also amended to conform with the languages of the independent claims as amended. New claims 37-42 are added. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 29, 31, 32, 34 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,625,812 to Abrams et al. ("Abrams").

Abrams discloses a method and system in which a user can preserve a live view of a remote physical location. The live view can be saved for later use or communicated to others. The live view is configured to be activated later to connect the user to the live image source upon clicking on the saved image view. If the live view is sent to another user, the another user can also be connected to the live image source by simple clicking on the received live view image.

Independent claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25 and 32 are herein amended for further clarification. In particular, amended claim 1 recites "storage means for storing a program for operating a predetermined action associated with the image sensing range of the camera; acquisition means

for acquiring information about a current image sensing range of the camera; and control means for automatically activating the program stored in said storage means when the current image sensing range of the camera acquired by said acquisition means matches with the image sensing range of the camera associated with the predetermined action.” Support for the amendment may be found, for example, at page 9, lines 7-24 of the original specification. Other independent claims 8, 13, 20, 25 and 32 are amended in a similar way.

One of the aspects of the present invention is directed to an information control system where a user can view a remote object through a display device while the user remotely control a camera. In particular, the user can receive additional information regarding the displayed object (e.g., background information) or perform a predetermined operation (e.g., controlling a displayed device remotely) associated with a current image sensing range of the camera. For example, when a scenic view is sensed and displayed on a user’s display device while the user navigates the remote camera, a program is automatically activated to pop-up a separate window on the user’s display device giving the user with background information (e.g., characters or audio) about the scenic view. See, for example, Fig. 17 of the present application. Applicant believes that this aspect of the invention is not taught by Abrams.

Accordingly, each of independent claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25 and 32 is neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Abrams for at least the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 25 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicant submits that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in

condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Claims 37-42 have been added to recite the claimed invention in an alternative manner. Specifically, each of added claims 37-42 recites elements of amended claims 1 and 4, claims 8 and 9, claims 13 and 16, claims 20 and 21, claims 25 and 28, and claims 32 and 33, respectively. Claims 37-42 are accordingly believed to be allowable for at least similar reasons to the combined claims (i.e., claims 8, 9, 13, 16, 20, 21, 25, 28, 32 and 33).

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.


AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4618). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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